

Facts about the Faith of our Founding Fathers

If we don't know the foundation which the Founding Fathers laid for this nation, then we have no understanding of what we are to be today, and thus we are a nation that has no clear vision for tomorrow (unknown).

There is a lack of understanding of the Biblical truths on which the Founding Fathers of this nation laid this country's foundation – and this erodes the Christian values the Founding Fathers had set for a course for the United States of America.

John Adams & John Hancock: *"We Recognize No Sovereign but God and no King but Jesus!"*

The Constitution is one of the most brilliant documents ever written. But then why wouldn't it be, the very core of it comes straight from the Bible. The men that authored our Constitution were not perfect men, but they knew where to find perfection. Our Founding Fathers were men who knew and studied scripture. Their lives were wrapped in God's Word; it was the chief source of their education. They relied on the Bible and philosopher's whose own works and commentaries also relied on Holy Scripture. Scripture is what all laws are to be based upon.

The Governments' duty is to be God's minister to the people.
This is far different from what we think of our government leader's responsibility today.

At the same time, the people are to pray for their leaders – 1 Timothy 2:2-4:
First of all, then, I urge that petitions and specific requests, prayers, intercessions and prayers for others and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in positions of high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This kind of praying is good and acceptable and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge and recognition of the divine truth.

1973 University of Houston, Political Science Department 10 year study –

On the sources the Founding Fathers used in forming our present system of government:

A pool of nearly 15,000 documents – they selected 3,154 documents most significant

- Founding Fathers quoted heavily 3 intellectuals, Montesquieu, Blackstone and Locke
 - The Bible was quoted 4 times more than Montesquieu,
 - 16 times more than Blackstone or Locke
- 94% of the quotes of the Founding Fathers were based on the Word of God.
 - 34% of those quotes were direct from Scripture
 - 60% taken from quotes where they had used the Bible to arrive at their conclusions
 - Most quoted book of the Bible: Deuteronomy

The great theme of Deuteronomy is "Love and Obey."

Jesus: *If you really love Me, you will keep and obey My commandments* (John 14:15)

Charles Finney, the Billy Graham of the 1800's, came to Jesus Christ by reading...

"Blackstone's Commentaries on Law!"

Blackstone unashamedly used Scripture, referring to chapter and verse for every principle of law he cited. Blackstone's Commentary on Law, introduced in 1757, became the law textbook for lawyers for 160 years, and the Supreme Court quoted from it to settle cases.

Tax Exemption – Ezra 7:24:

We also inform you that it is not authorized to impose tax, tribute, or toll on any of the priests, Levites, singers, doorkeepers, temple servants or other servants of this house of God.

3 branches of government – Isaiah 33:22

For the Lord is our Judge, The Lord is our Lawgiver, The Lord is our King; He will save us.

Separation of powers of the government – Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful above all things and it is extremely wicked;

Who can understand it fully and know its secret motives?

I, the Lord, search and examine the mind, I test the heart,

To give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.

One Nation under God – Psalm 33:12-19

Blessed, fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God, is the nation whose God is the Lord,

The people whom He has chosen as His own inheritance.

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the sons of man;

From His dwelling place He looks closely upon all the inhabitants of the earth—

He who fashions the hearts of them all, who considers and understands all that they do.

The king isn't saved by the great size of his army; a warrior isn't rescued by his great strength.

A horse is a false hope for victory; nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear Him and worship Him with awe-inspired reverence and obedience, on those who hope confidently in His compassion and lovingkindness, to rescue their lives from death

John Adams:

It will commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.

George Washington

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS??

2 Chronicles 19:5-10,12 – King Jehoshaphat

He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, and he said to the judges, “Be careful what you do, for you do not judge for man, but for the Lord who is with you in the matter of judgment.

So now let the fear, the reverent awe of the Lord be on you to keep you from making unjust decisions; be careful in what you do, for there is no injustice with the Lord our God, or partiality, or acceptance of a bribe.”

*⁸ In Jerusalem also Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites, priests, and heads of the fathers' households of Israel to render the judgment of the Lord and to judge disputes among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Then the king commanded them, “Do this in the fear of the Lord, faithfully and wholeheartedly. Whenever any dispute comes to you from your brothers and relatives who live in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, or between statutes and judgments, you are to warn and instruct them so that they may not be guilty before the Lord; otherwise God's wrath will come on you and your brothers. Do this and you will not be guilty. **Deal courageously, and may the Lord be with the upright.**”*

DEAL COURAGEOUSLY – HOW?

- Follow God's commands, no matter what the cost
- Instill His Word in your life, your business, your school, everywhere!
- Trust in His promise – that He will be with the upright!

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